1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 WESTERN DIVISION 10 11 No. CV 09- -VBK 12 Plaintiff, STANDING ORDER 13 v. 14 15 Defendant. 16 17 READ THIS ORDER CAREFULLY.

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IT CONTROLS THIS CASE AND DIFFERS IN SOME RESPECTS FROM THE LOCAL RULES.

This action has been assigned to the calendar of Judge Victor B. Kenton.

In accordance with General Order 10-07, this case is designated for electronic filing. Counsel are to familiarize themselves with General Order 10-07 and comply with all requirements. [Counsel electronically file all documents by 4:00 pm on or before the due date.] [Courtesy copies of the following electronically filed documents, with the Notice of Electronic Filing attached, shall either (a) be delivered to the Magistrate Judge's Chambers no later than 4:00 pm on the next court day, or (b) shall be mailed to Magistrate Judge Victor B. Kenton

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at the Edward R. Roybal Federal Building, 255 East Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 no later than the next court day.]:

- For any motion to dismiss the Complaint, or motion for summary judgment: the motion and supporting papers, the opposition papers, and the reply papers.
- 2. The Answer.
- 3. For any other motions: the motion or petition and supporting papers, the opposition papers, and the reply papers.

In order to facilitate the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of this case, the parties shall comply with the following instructions.

Both the Court and the attorneys bear responsibility for the progress of litigation in the Federal Courts. This order applies to all parties including those appearing pro se. To secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action, F.R.Civ.P. 1, all counsel are ordered to familiarize themselves with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of the Central District of California.<sup>1</sup>

## IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

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Copies of the Local Rules are available on our website at "http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov" or they may be purchased from one of the following:

- 1. <u>Service of the Complaint</u>: The Plaintiff shall promptly serve the Complaint in accordance with F.R.Civ.P. 4 and file the proofs of service pursuant to Local Rule 5-3.1.
- 2. <u>Removed Actions</u>: Any answers filed in state court must be attached to the Notice of Removal. Any pending motions must be renoticed as required by Local Rule 7.
- 3. <u>Presence of Lead Counsel</u>: Lead trial counsel shall attend any proceeding before this Court, including all status conferences, as well as settlement conferences.
- 4. Rule 26(f) Meeting of Counsel: Counsel for the parties shall meet personally pursuant to FRCP 26(f) and applicable Local Rules in anticipation of the court-ordered scheduling conference. FRCP 16(b).
- 5. Joint Report of Rule 26(f) Meeting: No later than fifteen (15) court days before the Scheduling Conference, counsel shall file a Joint Report of Rule 26(f) Meeting. A conformed courtesy copy of the Joint Report shall be delivered to Judge Kenton's chambers on the Fifth Floor of the Edward R. Roybal Federal Building, 255 East Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, by 4:00 p.m. on the date due. A Joint Report which is not timely filed or does not conform with this Order, FRCP 26(f), and applicable Local Rules will interfere with preparation by the Court and its staff, and may result in delays and/or the assessment of sanctions.

The Joint Rule 26(f) Report shall address the matters set forth in FRCP 26(f) (some of which are enumerated below), and shall also contain the following:

(a) A brief statement by <u>each</u> party, not to exceed one (1) page, setting forth that party's factual summary of the case, including the basis for any claims, counterclaims, or defenses.

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- (b) The basis for the Court's subject-matter jurisdiction.
- (C) A brief description of the key legal issues.
- (d) The realistic range of probable damages.
- The likelihood of appearance of additional parties. (e)
- (f) Whether all or part of the procedures of the Manual for Complex Litigation should be utilized.
- A proposed discovery cut-off date. Note: this means the final (g)day for completion of discovery, including resolution of all discovery motions.
- (h) What motions (other than discovery motions) are contemplated.
- Prospects of settlement based on counsel's discussion at the (i) Rule 26(f) meeting and any other communications.

ADR Pilot Program: This Court is part of the Alternative

For cases referred to ADR,

- (j) Whether the trial will be a court or jury trial.
- (k) The estimated length of trial.
- The name of the attorney(s) who will try the case. (1)

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## 6. Mandatory Settlement Procedure:

Available alternatives for consideration include:

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Officer for the case.

19 Dispute Resolution (ADR) Pilot Program. 20 21

counsel will be required to complete the ADR Questionnaire and file it at the time the Joint Report is filed. Counsel will thereafter have the option of completing a stipulation selecting the agreed-upon Settlement Officer, or having the Program Coordinator randomly select a Settlement

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b. Cases not in the ADR Pilot Program: In conformity with the Local Rules, counsel shall file the settlement procedure selection by the date given by the Court at the time of the Scheduling Conference.

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- (1) a settlement conference before an available Magistrate Judge willing to conduct the conference. Parties should contact the Courtroom Deputy Clerk, Roxanne Horan, at 213-894-1831, and provide the name of the requested Magistrate Judge. The Courtroom Clerk will then contact the requested Magistrate Judge's Courtroom Clerk to determine availability and dates. (Note: the Court does not participate in settlements of cases on its own docket unless the parties elect to proceed to a jury trial);
- (2) a settlement conference or mediation before an attorney selected from the Attorney Settlement Panel (list available from the Court's Website);
- (3) the employment by the parties of a private judge, mediator or arbitrator.
- 7. <u>Discovery</u>: All discovery matters will be heard by Judge Kenton.

The decision of the Magistrate Judge shall be final.

## 8. Motions:

a. Time for Filing and Hearing Motions: Motions shall be filed in accordance with Local Rule 7; the next available motion date can be obtained from the Courtroom Deputy or the Filing Window. This Court customarily hears motions on Tuesdays, commencing at 10:00 a.m. Opposition and Reply Briefs, including all declarations and supporting documentation, will be rejected if not timely filed in accordance with the Local Rules. No supplemental brief shall be filed without prior leave of Court. Local Rule 7-10.

Adherence to the timing requirements is essential for the Court's preparation of motion matters.

changes to the Local Rules affecting motion practice in the Central District. Among other things, Local Rule 7-3 requires counsel to engage in a pre-filing conference "to discuss thoroughly... the substance of the contemplated motion and any potential resolution," and to confirm in the notice of motion that such conference has taken place. Local Rule 7-3. Counsel should discuss the issues sufficiently that if a motion is still necessary, the briefing may be directed to those substantive issues requiring resolution by the Court. Counsel should resolve minor procedural or other non-substantive matters during the conference.

Failure to comply with Local Rule 7-3 and to set forth such compliance in the notice of motion will result in the motion being vacated.

c. <u>Length and Format of Motion Papers</u>: Memoranda of Points and Authorities in support of or in opposition to motions shall not exceed 25 pages. Replies shall not exceed 12 pages. Only in rare instances and for good cause shown will the Court grant an application to extend these page limitations.

Typeface shall comply with Local Rule 11-3.1.1. NOTE: If Times Roman font is used, the size must be no less than 14; if Courier is used, the size must be no less than 12. Footnotes shall be in typeface no less than one size smaller than text size and shall be used sparingly.

Filings that do not conform to the Local Rules and this Order will not be considered.

- d. <u>Courtesy Copies</u>: Counsel shall deliver a conformed courtesy copy to all reply papers to Judge Kenton's chambers by 4:00 p.m. on the date due.
  - e. Motions for Summary Judgment: Before filing a motion for

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summary judgment, counsel are strongly encouraged to review Chapter 14 of Schwarzer, Tashima & Wagstaffe, California Practice Guide: Federal Civil Procedure Before Trial (1998). To assist the Court, the moving party shall submit the required Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law as set forth in Form 14:C. The opposing party shall submit the required Statement of Genuine Issues as set forth in Form 14:D, responding first to each of the moving party's alleged uncontroverted facts, then listing any material facts in dispute, and citing to supporting evidence. Note: Separate statements that fail to comply with the above format will not be considered.

- 9. Proposed Orders: Each party filing or opposing a motion or seeking the determination of any matter shall serve and lodge a Proposed Order setting forth the relief or action sought and a brief statement of the rationale for the decision with appropriate citations. If the Proposed Order exceeds two pages, the proposing party shall also submit the document on a 3½-inch diskette compatible with WordPerfect 11.
- 10. <u>Telephonic Hearings</u>: The Court will conduct status conferences by telephone if any party outside the district so requests and all involved parties consent. The attorney requesting the telephonic hearing shall contact the Courtroom Deputy Clerk, Roxanne Horan, at 213-894-1831, at least one week prior to the date scheduled for the motion or conference to make the necessary arrangements.

A member of the Court's staff will place the conference call.

11. Ex Parte Applications: Counsel are reminded that ex parte applications are solely for extraordinary relief. See Mission Power Engineering Co. V. Continental Casualty Co., 883 F.Supp. 488 (C.D. Cal. 1995). Applications that fail to conform with Local Rules 7-19 and 7-19.1, including a statement of opposing counsel's position, will not be

1 considered. The Court considers ex parte applications on the papers and usually does not set these matters for hearing. In addition to the requirements of Local Rules 7-19 and 7-19.1, counsel for the moving party shall serve opposing counsel by facsimile transmission and shall notify opposing counsel that opposition papers must be filed no later than 24 hours following such facsimile service. Counsel shall deliver a conformed courtesy copy of moving, opposition, or notice of nonopposition papers to Judge Kenton's chambers. The Courtroom Deputy Clerk will notify counsel of the Court's ruling or a hearing date and time, if the Court determines a hearing is necessary.

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- Continuances: Counsel requesting a continuance must lodge -prior to the date to be continued -- a Proposed Stipulation and Order including a detailed declaration of the grounds for the requested continuance or extension of time. Local Rule 7-11. The Court grants continuances only upon a showing of good cause, focusing on the diligence of the party seeking the continuance and any prejudice that may result if the continuance is denied. Failure to comply with the Local Rules and this Order will result in rejection of the request without further notice to the parties. Proposed stipulations to continue scheduling dates shall address the effect of such continuance on any other dates previously set by the Court. Such stipulations do not become effective unless and until signed by the Court. requesting conformed copies shall comply with Local Rule 11-4.5.
- 13. Communications with Chambers: Counsel shall not attempt to contact the Court or its chambers staff by telephone, letter, facsimile, e-mail or by any other ex parte means. Local Rule 83-2.11. Counsel may contact the Courtroom Deputy, Roxanne Horan, at 213-894-1831, with appropriate inquiries. To facilitate communication with the Courtroom

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Deputy, counsel should list their facsimile transmission numbers along with their telephone numbers on all papers.

14. Notice of this Order: Counsel for Plaintiff shall immediately serve this Order on all parties, including any new parties to the action. If this case came to the Court by noticed removal, Defendant shall serve this Order on all other parties.

DATED:			
·	VICTOR	В.	KENTON

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE